

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of<br>Hiroaki Kashima, (et al.)<br>Serial No: <b>10/815,211</b><br>Filed: 03/31/2004<br>Title: <b>Statistical language model<br/>generating device, speech recognizing<br/>device, statistical language model<br/>generating method, speech recognizing<br/>method, and program</b> | : Before the Examiner: Susan Iris<br>McFadden<br>: Group Art Unit: 2626<br>: Intellectual Property Law Department<br>: International Business Machines Corp.<br>: 11400 Burnet Road<br>: Austin, Texas 78758 |
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**ELECTION IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to Examiner's Restriction on the above-identified application as follows. Consideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Remarks begin on page 2.